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#### Democracy's Opportunity.

If the Democrats of Congress would profit by the present Republican rows they should sit steady-sit very steady. An independent newspaper, with no axes to grind, is not called upon to give advice to its friends of either political party, but The Washington Herald ventures to say to the Democrats, so long outside the breastworks, that they will have an opportunity of a lifetime to achieve a substantial victory next November, if they do not destroy it in the meantime.

Nothing is to be gained by making common cause with the "insurgents," nor by an attempt to name the minority members of the committee appointed to settle the Pinchot-Ballinger feud. The "insurgent" movement, regardless of the impression it may be making upon the mocracy, on the other, the recalcitrant Republicans, with any vital issue at stake. will be ready hereafter, as heretofore, to transform themselves into regulars at a moment's notice. Why not realize this?

ment with their opponents of any faction. And, as for the family broils in Repubin them? For our part, we can foresee if anything, in Lee's more or less pictur-

plexion of the House be changed. Is the ary Hall was no place for a traitor." sure that the existevolved a new and more equitable scheme and are they sure it will work?

cratic success are to be found in the try's undoing? country at large in the unrest incident to | There may be those who claim to be-Ballinger row and the insurgent maneuvers and menacing whole.

The Democrats have an opportunity-a the stump.

Finally: If the Democrats would extend their opportunity beyond next November. let them get the thought out of their minds that William Jennings Bryan is entitled to another run.

## Pay of Government Employes.

Measures aiming at the relief of government employes have generally met with Mr. Heyburn. opposition, most of it emanating from people who knew little about the subject, Sam was an overpaid partaker of gov- her "rat" on the phonograph for the ernment bounty

It has been repeatedly claimed, and not altogether without truth, that members of Congress dared not give their vote to any employes, because their constituency would not tolerate the support of such legislation.

Ten or a dozen years ago, or before tha rural free delivery system and the tele- twice removed, has a government job, or phone brought a vast outlying population into close touch with events of the day, there was superstition of this character prevalent. To-day, however, it is an in- she will be surprised to discover how sult to the intelligence of the voters of much good money she can spend saluting the United States to attribute to them people and things around and about the any such archaic notions. world.

They know now that the government clerk is not a pampered favorite or a pauper who is given a position for about the Augusta Chronicle. One indication of the same reason that he might be admitted to perfect husband is his ability to stand for the almshouse. Specialization has made wonderful strides in the public service Trained men are required for nearly every class of the government work, and ning," observes the Ohio State Journal. to the end that only the best material may he available for it, the Civil Service Commission conducts examinations daily, backward. which men and woman have to pass, and

pass high, in order to obtain positions. That Congressional opposition to raising in New York," remarked Mr. Richard salaries exists largely in the imagination Croker to a Tammanvite in Florida, reis best illustrated by the fact that in the United States Patent Office examiners of Ireland has served to sharpen his sense applications for patents had their salaries raised very materially two years ago, on the recommendation of Hon. Edward "Gifford-Pinchot controversy." We sup-B. Moore, Commissioner of Patents, who posed it would come to something like

to keep men trained in technical work that the Daughters of the American Revowhen their services at much higher sala- lution had taken up the cudgels in the ries were the object of keen competition among manufacturing concerns and private enterprises.

Congress saw the point of Mr. Moore's ontention, and the bill was passed with carcely any opposition. Now the Patent office is able to hold its scientific force THE WASHINGTON HERALD COMPANY, gainst the tempting salaries offered by outside individuals, and one of the most of great wealth to jail, seful branches of the public business is expedited and placed on a satisfactory working basis.

The objection to increasing salaries of government employes comes only from those who do not know, from those who cannot, or will not, take the trouble to study the actual conditions. If the obectors are envious of the government clerks, they forget that the examinations for appointment to government positions are open to everybody, and that in many branches of the service there is a positive dearth of eligibles to the important work which the service of the people de-

mands shall be performed. Those who work with their brains should All communications intended for this be adequately paid, and the obstructionists might as well remind themselves that unless the compensation is sufficient, it will not attract the highest grade of workers, and the public interests will suffer accordingly.

#### Watchful Mr. Heyburn.

If it were not for Mr. Weldon Brinton Heyburn crises galore never would be faced in the Senate of the United States, we fear, and emergencies without number would go unrisen to.

We advance the conclusion advisedly and after mature consideration. We have watched the public career of Mr. Heyburn with a quality of interest that would easily classify as amazing were its object less notoriously compelling. We grieve that Mr. Heyburn harbors a rampant dislike of journalism in general and the Senatorial press gallery in particular. He ought not to. The newspapers and periator. They have not said much about a few Americans. him, for one thing, though they are improving with respect to that. McClure's Magazine, for instance, carried but recently an extremely handsome picture of the affable statesman from Idaho, accompanied by a measure of more or less impressive information. Let that pass for tempest in a teapot in the House; and it the moment, however; it was something lish House of Lords are beginning to Do the People Own It, or Does the street car while a funeral passes." goes without the saying that as between else that tempted us to bespatter and be-shift," says the Chattanooga Times. An-Cannonism, on the one side, and De- spangle these columns with the Heyburnesque thoughts that have of late arisen in us.

The sensitive soul of Mr. Heyburn was rudely shocked on Monday last to learn that the office of the collector of customs Certainly no partisan profit is to come to at Newport News had been ordered closed the Savannah News. Legal, not prohibiyesterday-that being a legal holiday in tion, item that, the State of Virginia and the birthday of one Robert E. Lee Mr. Heyburn evilican ranks, what possible gain can there dently has heard a good deal of this be to the Democrats in getting mixed up particular Lee, and we fear there is little, esque career of which Mr. Heyburn aptoo, that is worthy of careful Democratic Scnator Heyburn as having said, with consideration. Suppose the political com- Gen. Robert E. Lee in mind, that "Statu-

We shall not dispu ing order of procedure, against which, in significance of the Treasury Department's the name of Cannonism, all this outery action in the Newport News matter. The is directed, will be changed likewise? mere fact that we do not see it will not From the Cleveland Leader. History tells us that Czarism in the case be considered—even by ourselves—as conof Reed was no less Czarism in the case clusive evidence that it is not there, since drooping a bit? of Crisp. Have the Democrats really any Senator Heyburn entertains an opposing assurance to offer that, if given control, view. Perhaps there are unspeakable they will substitute a more liberal set of conspirators in that branch of the governrules for the government of the House ment service bent on involving us in anthan those now in force? Have they other civil war, or the same old civil war same, all over again. Who knows what mischlef for the transaction of public business, may be afoot, or what dark designs some From the Richmond Journal obstreperous underling may be framing The conditions that now portend Demo- up for this great and glee-o-rious coun-

high prices, the dissatisfaction due to lieve that the Treasury Department merely From the Louisville Courier-Journal. failure to revise the tariff as the people sought to confine itself to the common wanted to see it revised, the delay in sense aspect of the situation and close adjusting transportation and trust prob- its custom-house at Newport News on a lems, and the distrust naturally engen- date declared by Virginia's authority to dered by all these things. The Pinchot- be dies non for business purposes. If From the Richmond Journal. such there be, go mark them well; for Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, might now be in order. are but mere incidents of the disquieting them no Heyburn songs shall swell: And Ben Tilman might be looked up on the way. living, they forfeit fair renown, and, doubly dying, shall go down to the vile fine opportunity. Let them sit steady dust from whence they sprung, unwept, while the Republican fight is on and unhonored, and unsung-or words to that avoid becoming involved in it. Then be effect! Common sense, plainly enough, prepared to make the most of it all on could have had nothing whatever to do with it. It was a palpable attempt to bring about an awful something; and it From the New York Evening Post. ought to be aired the applause of a hypothetically listening Senate to command! At the same time we do not believe there is a Presidential issue hidden in the incident somewhere; nor does it disprove or in anywise offset, the fact that Mc-Clure's of recent date carried, as aforesaid, a particularly handsome picture of

That New York woman who put her but who based their opinion on the once- peek-a-boo shirt waist in the pianola and popular idea that an employe of Uncle produced a new popular air should try

words to go with it.

The "insurgents" stoutly insist that they are Republicans primarily and "insurgents" secondarily. If the Democrats bill which would benefit the government will keep tab, doubtless they will see this farms and roads and bankrupts, and such a party

> We mildly suggest that the issue is not whether Mr. Ballinger's fourth cousing Mr. Somebody's salary was raised first by Mr. Garfield and then by Mr. Ballinger.

When Canada gets a navy of her own,

"Some one is lecturing out in Missouri on 'The perfect husband.' " notes the a lot of lecturing.

"Senator Dick insists that he is run-Still, we imagine, from what our contemporary has had to say in this matter, that it suspects the Senator is running

"I hear you are having cold weather cently. Mr. Croker's recent residence in of humor wonderfully, it appears.

A St. Louis paper refers to it as the showed Congress that it was impossible this when the news was noised abroad

ex-Chief Forester's favor.

The general extension of woman suffrage probably would result in distinct spring, summer, autumn, and winter But he held sway before the day styles in ballots.

Despite the pessimists, the courts continue to send an occasional malefactor

Various points in Grand Old Texas may effect a sneering attitude toward Wonderful Washington, but we observe there is a "Congress" street in Austin, neverthe-

"The beers are on the peers," avers a ontemporary. Which is all right, in view of the fact that the peers own all the English breweries.

Baltimore continues to reduce the price of funerals, although there is nothing in either the Democratic or Republican platforms demanding it specifically.

"The Indianapolis police allow a jackpot to be played out before they arrest a poker party," says the Chicago Post. This enables them to put the court wise as to which fellow is best able to stand a large, healthy fine.

A Missouri man has succeeded in breedng wingless chickens. What with this and the price of prunes going up all the time, the downtrodden boarding house ndividual may yet have cause to cheer

Schools of courtship are quite commo in Japan. We do not believe American girls would stand for courtship by rule.

The New York Mail refers nowadays to Mr. Clark, of Missouri, as "Uncle Champ." Evidently, Mr. Clark's prediction of a Democratic House next time is taken very guess. She once named a poodle after eriously in some quarters, anyway.

Japan is credited with a determination to intimate to the United States that railway building in Manchuria is none of life applications are usually made for the 'Uncle Sam's" particular business. This, desk he occupied." moreover, will tend to confirm a suspicion odicals have been very good to the Sen- more or less rampant in the minds of not cation for his anecdotes?"

> The Duke of the Abruzzi is taking mighty long chances, with all of his our eyes to the unsightly things in life." popularity, in this land of the free and ome of the brave. He is coming over to banana perl." deliver four lectures.

"Looks like the sands beneath the Eng-

other recruit for the Houston Post. Dr. Cook merely shifted from the post

tive to the negative pole, it would appear "The standard of admission to the bar is to be raised in North Carolina," notes

disappointment," gloats an insurgent. He

"La Foliette is the man of the hour." proves. Indeed, the New York Sun quotes says Senator Gore. When Mr. La Follette gets under full steam ahead oratorically, he sometimes is the man of several hours.

## CHAT OF THE FORUM.

Reading Uncle Joe's Stogie,

Insurgents Once Made Good.

From the Los Angeles Express. "Insurgents" was the term at first applied to

The Forester from Yale.

The new Forester is a Yale man. Somebody make a joke about putting a Yale lock on the stable door

after the horse is stolen, Mr. McCall on Cannonism.

Mr. McCall says Cannonism is a necessity, the ultimate consumer will admit that neither Cannonism nor Aldrichism is a luxury.

An Unnatural Silence,

An expedition to discover the whereabouts

Mr. Roosevelt's Tranquillity. From the Indianapolis News.

A Nairobi dispatch says that Col. Roosevelt arrived on the back of his favorite horse, Tranbetween the colonel's horse and his hobby.

Representative Rainey's Fame. The only thing, so far as we are aware, for which

The President as an Insurgent.

connection with the Panama purchase.

From the Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Pinchot's Ailment.

From the Florida Times-Union. tinental empire become filled with the ruins of nal. amply confirmed on election day, too. as the G. O. P. convict itself of suicidal folly.

## WHAT AN OLD MAN SAID.

Ain't it funny how we go Dreamin' on thue life, an' so, Keciless of the time that flies Right afore our very eyes! Love an' joy blind our sight To the fleetin' minits' flight well like spendthrift boys we say

'Jest a day!" an' we p'tend Brimmin' happy days like these, With the green in all the trees— Days with pary cloud or frown, Only love an' life aroun'. An' a thousand joys that line This 'ere path of yours an' mine.

Keerlessly we pass where wait We can't see 'em young again!

O how light we bear our load! O how sweet the friendly road. Wendm' in an' out an' thue Fields of green an' dancin' dew!— Seems to us the way is jes' Endless miles of happiness— Easy, too, to jes' p'tend That it's never goin' t' end!

Yet, afore we know we will Come to where the world is still— Nary a sound!—an' then we find Love and all is left behind Where the brighter fancies grow In the fields of Youth, an' know We have reached the end of the Road -John D. Wells, in the Buffalo News.

#### A LITTLE NONSENSE.

IN FORMER TIMES. King Solomon, he handed down

Some very fine decrees.

They hadn't got hair-splitting then So absolutely pat. One might condense some common sense And let it go at that.

Swore Off,

"My train of thought doesn't seem to run very smoothly these days." "Why not?"

"I think maybe it's because I dropped the smoker at New Year Junction.

Got His.

ecome a Fletcherite?"

"I'll admit I was trying to get something for nothing." "Well?"

"I got what I deserved." Only Proper, "Thought you said you would never

"I did." "And now you are eating your words "Yes; and my friends are seeing to it

Fine Filler.

that I chew them thoroughly."

Some poets balk at staircase verse. It has its place. And we might well get something worse For filling

His Only Namesake, "Got any little nieces or nephews?" 'Nope.

"To whom are you going to leave your noney? "To my fashionable sister-in-law, I

How About This? "When a Senator retires from official

'And can another member file an appli-

His Reward,

"We should look for the esthetic, close "I tried that once and slipped up on a

#### THAT ALASKA COAL PILE.

Moneyed Interests?

This is a big question, this question whether there is the needful honesty and capacity in the present government of this country to save the treasures of Alaska and vast treasures elsewhere of land, water, forests, and minerals to the use of the people of the country. The laws that govern these concerns are scandalously out of date. Everybody "'Uncle Joe' will have to swallow his agrees to that. Mr. Ballinger is one of these who best know it, and he has pub probably will, and digest it, too, or we lished his demand for better laws. Mr Pinchot knows it, and with splendid zeal has struggled to protect the people's interests for the time being under the laws as they are and with such powers as the government now possesses. The conservation issue, he says, is a moral issue. Our natural resources are to be conserved, but for whose benefit? For the benefit of the many or the use and profit of the few? There is no question before us, says Mr. Pinchot, that begins to be se important, or will be so hard to strad-Can it be possible that Joe Cannon's stogie is die, as the great question between special

interest and equal opportunity. There is no doubt on which side of that question Mr. Pinchot is fighting. We could never see any doubt on which side of it Mr. Glavis was fighting. There is no doubt on which side of it an enormous majority of the voters of the United States will line up if ever the merits of the question take hold of their minds, There is no doubt which side Mr. Roose- it is a necessary part of their finishing velt was on and Mr. Garfield, but where course to witness both Houses of Constands Mr. Taft? Where stands Mr. Balnon? And where will Congress stand them are amusing and interesting. when all the interests have buttonholed and whispered and bargained and log- the teacher. rolled and cajoled and appealed? Since Congress must pass new land laws, it will do well to get at the bill introduced late last month by Mr. Mondell to separate surface lands from mineral deposits in our public lands, and meanwhile it is to applaud whoever aims a searchlight at 1st? Why, he doesn't look like the an-Alaska and its coal pile and its mines. archists pictured in the papers!" We don't want these properties grabbed while proper laws are making. The only temporary way to save them is to make a noise about it. The laws must save nice for anything!" them for us in the long run-proper laws

enforced by proper men, Ballinger may come in. They are law- Jones, and Oliver. Over there in the fashioned breakfast out of business. To Rainey is known in the country at large is his hav- yers, and believe in doing things legally. front row is Dr. Gallinger, the mayor ing made a blatherskite spech in Congress, putting Of Mr. Taft's rectitude of intention there of the District of Columbia." forward absolutely baseless charges of corruption in is no question. Of Mr. Ballinger as much cannot be said. For some reason he has in their note-books and the information come to be the hope of the predacious is the subject of a quiz the next day. and at outs with the most effectual workers on the people's side. He is clearly poditions change materially President Taft himself under suspicion, but he has asked Con- From Puck. will inevitably become an insurgent, but it is cer- gress to inspect him. It may turn out tainly a reasonable inference that if he is determined that it is nothing worse than scrupulosity to put through genuine reform measures he may be as to method that makes him get on so compelled to use his club against Cannonism and ill with folks who are zealous to save the people's inheritance, though he seems able to get along with claimants who want to oust the heirs. If he is good, we Attorney General Wickersham says Pinchot is suf- all want to know it. The value of the fering from megalomania; think of the affliction Alaska coal pile is as great as the value that can convince a man he must have his way or of last year's crop, or twice, or thrice an imperial republic will suffer extinction, a con-

When Mr. Taft's administration began the people still owned that coal. There will be another election in two years and ten months, and much discussion before it. A lot of Congressmen are to be elect- row is St. Agnes' birthday. There is no with her hands under her head, the ed next fall. Before both these elections saint more revered by the Roman Cath- anxious maiden was led to expect that there will be inquiries whether the peo- olic Church than St. Agnes, a virgin her future spouse would appear in a ple still own the Alaska coal pile, and if martyr, who suffered severe persecution dream and salute her with a kiss. not, why not.

## Leading Up to the Point.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "A hundred years ago we were satisfied to travel ten miles an hour."

"Fifty years ago we thought fifteen

miles an hour was going some.' "Yes." "Ten years ago sixty miles an hour was considered the limit of speed."

"Yes." "Now we are hitting up nearly a hundred miles an hour." "Yes."

"And it won't be long before one hundred and twenty miles an hour is slow. "Well, what are you trying to get at?" left garter 'round it, repeating: "I'm going to prove to you the necessity of accident insurance, as I represent-But the other man was walking away

From Cassell's Saturday Journal. The Actor-I can take anybody off.

The Agent-Well, make a start by tak-

at the rate of six miles an hour.

ing yourself off.

Over in the Senate office building there is one room where everybody feels welcome. It is the room of Senater Dixon, of Montana. On the door is a large placard with the words, "Mr. Joseph M. Dixon-Walk in." This is in striking contrast to the many doors placarded "Pri- did fifty years ago. vate." The Senator is the recipient of congratulations from his colleagues, members of the House, and visitors. One day recently Representative Jacob Van given to extravagance and waste. Why Vechten Olcott came bolting into the presence of Senator Dixon. "Hello, Olcott, what will you have?" "Nothing." said the New Yorker. "I saw that sign and it made me feel so welcome that I just came in to say howdy."

Vice President Sherman is also an earnest advocate of the "open-door" policy. When he is not presiding over the deliberations of the Senate he is to be found at his desk, door wide open, with that smiling "come in" look on his face. It's no trouble to reach Sunny Jim.

Gov. Bryant B. Brooks, of Wyoming, the attorney general of that State; Senator Don Clark, and Mr. Breckons were the guests of Senator Warren at luncheon yesterday.

Gov. John F. Shafroth, of Colorado, was a visitor on the House side of the Capitol.

Dr. Ben L. Bruner, secretary of state of Kentucky, and Mr. George Long, United States marshal were entertained at the Capitol by Senator Bradley. Dr. Bruner was the first State official to open his office in the new State capitol at Frankfort. A number of other prominent Kentuckians are in Washington with Gov. Willson, the chairman of the con ference of governors.

An interesting sight to the Capitol visitor is the procession of the Supreme C. P. Connolly, in Collier's Weekly, Court to and from lunch. Their meals are served in a room across from the best illustrates the devious influences of Chihuahua. Supreme Court chamber, and for a few the railroads in Congress. There were minutes before going to lunch all passers never any settlers in the Mount Rainier along the corridor are held up until the Forest Reserve. It was a rough country, procession passes and the jurists are safe in their lunchroom. One fellow was heard to remark as they were passing one large extent. The Northern Pacific land of Chihuahua, has established a model day, "It reminds me of holding up a grant within this forest reserve included, penitentiary. I dare say there is no in-

convention city of the first class, it is the mecca of thousands of visitors from any State into or through which the railso when Congress is in session. Every day the big white house on Capitol Hill is thronged with sightseers. Not the least attractive of the sights to be seen in the building is the Senate and House in ing the business of the nation.

It is no trouble for the guides to point out this member and that member, but attraction, Representative Mann. He is particular case in Oregon the conditions the person who was unfortunate enough always there, and the guides describe him of the land grant required the railroad to fall and who is now working for his

'Iim Mann always on his It is a mystery when he eats, for he never leaves his seat, for fear he will miss something. On the Democratic side Representative Underwood can be found at his post. Over on the Senate side, unless there is something of unusual importance before the body, the guides' duty is to tell the various occupants of the vacant

Hardly a day passes at the Capito without a visit from some female seminary. The students come with a chaperon, and are given to understand that gress at work. The remarks they make purchaser, linger? Where stand Aldrich and Can- when certain Senators are pointed out to "Girls, there is Senator Lodge," says From the Montgomery Advert

so intellectual doesn't he?" "and there is Senator Aldrich, the man who rules the Senate." "He looks grand!" exclaim the girls. "Is he the man who is called an anarch-

"There is Senator Bailey." "Now, isn't that lock of hair that

"Over there is the Cherokee Strip, and in it you see Senators Root, Bradley, And there is where Mr. Taft and Mr. Crawford, Bristow, Burton, the bachelor

And so on, all of which is duly put

Ample Proof.

Lottie-Is your young minister so very

The feast of St. Agnes was formerly

present the person in question. Or, pass-

I knit this knot, this knot I knit

But what he weareth every day; That I to-morrow may him ken

To know the thing I know not yet,

That I may see
The man that shall my husband be,
Not in his best or worst array,

very fascinating? Hattie-Fascinating! Why, lots of girls n our church have married men they hated just to get one kiss from the rec

do the people pay a nickel for a box of States. biscuit, weighing less than half a pound, when they could purchase for the same Those are instances typical of hundreds of articles of food. If the situation is analyzed we discover that the people regard package goods with the greater because of their convenience. The real cost of food is influenced greatly by the character and expense of

THE GROCERY BILL.

Extravagance and Waste Largely

Account for Staggering Size.

That it costs more to maintain an indi-

vidual or a family now than formerly is

a fact. And yet it is largely a matter

that can be adjusted to income if the

From the American Grocer.

service demanded, and that varies tremendously. It is a fact that a store whose customers demand a luxurious service distribute \$100 worth of food at a sisting to strengthen Republican sentirequires \$20 to \$23 to cover the expense of the service, leaving the dealer 2 to 5 per cent net profit. Within the same territory are stores serving a different class of trade where the expense of service is 12 to 16 per cent, the net profit 6 to 10 per cent.

#### AN AMAZING HOLD-UP.

Devious Influences of Railroads in Congress Well Illustrated.

The Mount Rainler Forest Reserve steal of the northwestern part of the state of of burned-over and logged-off tracts to a in round numbers, 1,000,000 acres. Under stitution of a similar kind in the United the act of March 2, 1899, this company States. Every effort is made in Mexico There are lively days around the Capitol was permitted to exchange these 1,000,000 to redeem the criminal, an example which building. Washington having become a acres of doubtful lands for an equal num- is worthy of imitation even in the United ber of acres of other lands "lying within road of said Northern Pacific Railroad Company runs."

Under this act, by which the Mount Rainier Forest Reserve was created, the Northern Pacific has selected, in lieu of its doubtful lands, 100,000 acres in the iction and the members in their working State of Washington, 120,000 acres in the There is a school connected with this in-State of Idaho, and 320,000 acres of the workers in the House, yet their admiring best timber lands in Oregon. The transconstituents rarely find more than a fer gave to the Northern Pacific a clean write, and those further advanced are gift of over \$30,000,000.

Other subterfuges were resorted to by but whatever the inmates may earn is the railroads to acquire wast tracts of rich not turned into the treasury of the intimber and agricultural lands. In one stitution, but is paid to the family of to sell lands to bona fide settlers at not | redemption, to exceed \$2.50 an acre, and not more in quantities as high as 45,000 acres to one

## Good Old Breakfast.

Now there prances to the front one Eu-"Oh, Miss -, isn't he cute! He looks gene Wood, who writes things for the magazines, and puts forth an essay to prove that breakfast is "a gone gosling." as he expresses it. In other words he a region rich in fruit, sugar, coffee, oil, argues that this first meal of the day will soon be a thing of the past. That's alone will pay the expenses of the road." all he knows about it. It may be that those people whose work or inclination causes them to sleep till the noon hour do not eat breakfast, as the term is genfalls down over his forehead just too erally used, and may give some other name to the first meal of the day, but we predict that Mr. Wood and the rest of them will have a hard time of it if they undertake to drive the good old many people that is both the most enjoy able and necessary meal of the day, an they will continue to eat it as long as they eat anything. It lacks very m

> of being a gone gosling, we insist. Chicago Triolet. He lives by his pen, And his profits are big. They shouldn't be when He lives by his pen; I admit it. But then He raises the pig! He lives by his pen.

> > And his profits are hig.

# TODAY IN HISTORY

St. Agnes' Eve-January 20.

To-night is St. Agnes' Eve. To-mor- Lying down on her back that night

under Dioclesian: Upon the place of her On this superstition John Keats, th

another, stick them in her sleeve, sing- And couch supine their beauties, lily white,

ing the while a paternoster, and thus in- Nor look behind, nor sideways, but require

sure that her dreams would that night Of heaven with upward eyes for all that they desire

supposed birth, without the walls of celebrated poet, founded his beautiful Rome, a church was bullt and another poem, "The Eve of St. Agnes," which was dedicated to her within the city. begins: held as, in a special degree, a holiday They told her how, upon St. Agnes' Eve, for women. It was thought possible for Young virgins might have visions of delight, a girl, on the eve of St. Agnes, to ob- And soft adorings from their loves receive tain, by divination, a knowledge of her Upon the honey'd middle of the night, future husband. She might take a row If ceremonies due they did aright; of pins and plucking them one after As, supperless to bed they must retire,

ng in a different country than that of Of particular interest to Americans her ordinary residence, and taking her this is the birthday of Richard Henry right leg stocking, she might knit the Lee, the eminent Colonial statesman, who proposed the Declaration of Independence with these words: "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent States, and that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown;" and who also lent such valuable services as a member of the first American Congress.

To-day is also the birthday of the eminent Revolutionary financier. Robert day in England in 1779 David Garrick, the eminent dramatist and actor, died.

#### AT THE HOTELS.

"We're all Republicans at heart down South, and we just love President Taft but we have to be Democrats for selfdefense." said R. E. L. Meehan, of the Ross-Meehan Foundry Company and the Southern Malleable Iron Company, at Chattanooga, Tenn., who is at the Ra-

party interested chooses to use common sense and practice self-denial. Prof. leigh. "On national questions the industrial Whitney, chief of the Bureau of Soils, Washington, D. C., asserts a truth that and commercial South believes to a very Americans are eating far more than they great extent in the principles of the Republican party, especially so far as it Never before was the dietary of the relates to a protective tariff, but when it comes to local elections it is necessary people so varied as to-day; pever of for the white man of the South to vote higher average quality. We are a nation the Democratic ticket; otherwise his subuy a prime rib roast costing 22 to 25 premacy in many States would be only cents or more the pound when a hind of secondary importance. As long as quarter of spring lamb is sold at 16 cents? the local issues remain the South, speaking of local and State politics, will be Why does a family, forced to economize, pay 14 cents for a proprietary brand of Democratic. Eliminate them and the rolled oats when they can buy a like South, I would not be at all surprised, quantity in bulk at half the price? Why will line up with the other Republican

"President Taft has done more than any other man to bring us nearer to the cost nearly double the quantity in bulk? Republican party than anybody else. Of course, President McKinley started in reconciliating the South by declining to interfere in the question of a certain political appointment which was resented, favor and willingly pay the higher cost saying that the people of the State without Federal interference should decide it. This made McKinley popular at once. President Roosevelt, although he refused to remove the Indianola postmistress and invited Booker Washington to lunch with him, did many things which made ments there. President Taft is more popular than any other Republican President ever has been down in our country."

> C. F. Z. Caracristi, of Chihuahua, Mexico, is at the Shoreham. Mr. Caracristi used to be private secretary to Gen. Joe Wheeler when that doughty soldier was a member of the House of Representatives. Since them Mr. Caracristi has spent most of his time in Mexico and Central and South American countries engaged in mining and geological enterprises. At present he is making a geological survey

Speaking of the progress Mexico is

making in introducing the latest methods

in every sort of institution where the

public welfare is concerned. Mr. Caracristi said. "Gov. Creel, of the State States. In this model penitentiary in Chinuahua, every cell is provided with running water, and with a separate washroom. This measure is bound to promote cleanliness, and, you know, that cleanliness is next to godliness. At any rate, it has a great influence for the better on the prisoner. Nor is that all. stitution, and every inmate must attend. given other studies. Trades are taught,

"To show the confidence of the world than 160 acres to any one person. The is the stability, justness and absolute fair-Southern Pacific, which later acquired this ness of the Mexican, and particularly the road, sold these lands, not to settlers, government of the State of Chihuahua, but to land syndicates. It claimed that more than fifteen million dollars of Engthe word "settler" meant those who had lish and Canadian money was recently already settled on the land at the time invested in Chihuahua alone. But this of the grant, and not those who, seek- State does not stand alone. Foreign capiing lands, came after. Sometimes the tal is flowing into Mexico in streams, disrailroad sold to these syndicates for the proving the malicious allegations which maximum price fixed by Congress; often- have appeared recently in American pub-

er they ignored the law entirely, and sold lications charging Mexico with all sorts for prices twenty times greater; but al- of uncivilized actions. American money ways they sold to themselves-for these does not have to be coaxed into Mexico; syndicates were dummy syndicates-and it simply pours in, and with it comes worthy and sturdy American settlers, miners, farmers, engineers, all good men, desirable builders of Mexico. "A new railroad line has been organized to build a line from Teziutlan, State of

> of Mexico. There is no thought to have any opposition to Diaz's re-election, and the government which he has established will stand and remain on the same firm basis after he will have gone, as it is

Mexico into the sisterhood of States "The people out in New Mexico fully expect that Congress will act favorably on the measure," said Gov. Curry, "and also expect that the measure will pass both Houes of Congress without a dissenting vote. There is no reason why there should be a dissenting vote, in view of the fact that New Mexico is fully qualified for Statehood. It has the popus lation, the educational facilities, the assessed valuation of property, roads, and every other improvement and accomplishment which are indications of the highest civilization and development. The people of New Mexico are the best citizens of this country and are anxious to assume their part of the responsibilities

to speak, of every State of this Union." Of President Taft's administration Gov. Curry said that it was popular in every respect, and being asked as to who would be the United States Senators from New Mexico upon the admission of that Territory to Statehood, the Rough Rider governor, who will soon make place for another, said that was a matter which would be settled after Statehood is once

#### attained, but not before. Making the Connection.

From Youth's Companion. An enterprising Scotch liquor dealer offered a prize for the best answer to a conundrum, "Why is my whisky like the bridge of Ayr?" A boy sent in, "Because it leads to the poorhouse," and the unprejudiced umpires gave him the prize. With even readier wit a Yankee saw the connection in a kindred case.

and said, "Is there anything for me?" After some search among the boxes and trunks the baggage master dragged out a lemijohn of whisky.

man came to the door of the baggage car

"Anything more?" "Yes." said the baggage man: "here is

Morris (1734), of David Wilmot (1814), of the Wilmot-Poviso fame, and on this a gravestone. There's no name on it, but it ought to go with that liquor."

At a certain railway station an anxious

Puebla, through the State of Vera Cruz, to the port of Nautla," added Mr. Careacristi, "The \$2,500,000 gold capital has all been subscribed, and the line will develop &c., and the freight on the lemon trade "All Mexico is proud of Diaz, and of the fact that the United States is a friend

Both, the Republican and Democratio parties being pledged in their platforms to advocate the admission to Statehood of New Mexico, the people of that Territory, according to Gov. Curry, who was seen at the Shoreham Hotel, last night, are confident that Congress will pass favorably upon the measure, and admit New

which are resting upon the shoulders, so